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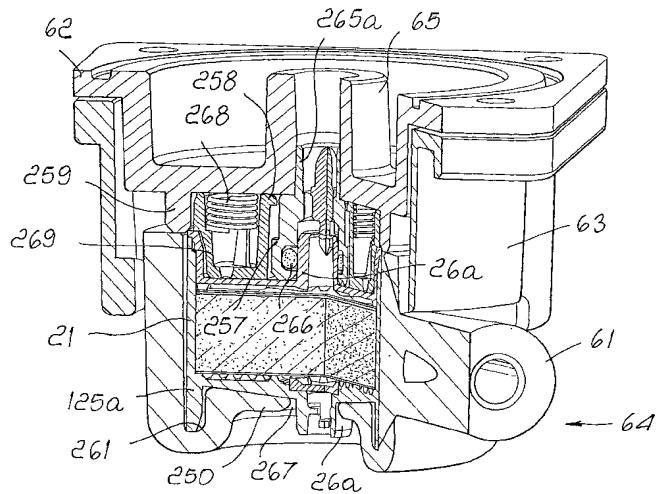
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**(54) Title:** BEVERAGE EXTRACTION ASSEMBLY FOR EXTRACTING A BEVERAGE FROM A PARTICULATE SUBSTANCE CONTAINED IN A CARTRIDGE



**(57) Abstract:** A beverage extraction assembly (60) for application to beverage extraction machines for extracting a beverage from a particulate substance contained in a cartridge, characterized in that it comprises: a support (62, 63) connectable to a water outlet of a beverage extraction machine; a cartridge holder (64) removably mounted on the support (62, 63) for holding a cartridge (21) containing a particulate substance, the cartridge (21) comprising at least a first cartridge port (26b) protruding outwardly from its upper surface for receiving water under pressure; the support (62, 63) comprising a water inlet port (65) connectable to the water outlet, for delivering the water to the first cartridge port (26b), the cartridge holder (64) comprising a bottom aperture (267) for providing an escape for the extracted beverage; the water inlet port (65) of the support (62, 63) comprising means (266) for providing a radial fluid-tight seal between the water inlet port (65) and the first cartridge port (26b).



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